

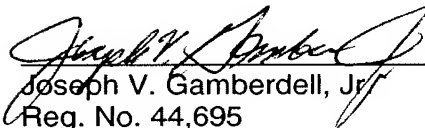
III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-17, 20-24, and 26, 27, and 29-33 remain in the application. Claims 18, 19, 25, 28, and 31 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 32 have been amended.
2. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview of 31 July 2008.
3. Claims 26-30 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 32 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 28.
4. Claims 3 and 5-8 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejections.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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